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1. INDOCHINA

NEW BUDDHIST GROUP, POLITICAL PRISONER STRUGGLE MOVEMENT,
CALLS ON GVN TO FREE 600 MONKS AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.
ASSERTS THIEU MUST BEAR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR
MISTREATMENT. SOURCES CLOSE TO GVN SAY MONKS WERE ARRESTED
OVER PAST FEW YEARS AS DRAFT EVADERS; GVN "FREQUENTLY USES
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THIS CHARGE TO CONTROL THE SOMETIMES MILITANT BUDDHIST

CHURCH" (CSM).

VC SPOKESMAN IN SAIGON CLAIMS VNAF BOMBED CHUONG NGHIA TOWN, 29 MILES NE OF CAPITAL, AFTER ABANDONED BY GVN TROOPS UNDER VC PRESSURE. SAIGON COMMAND SAYS FORCES PULLED OUT BUT AS NOT YET CONCEDED COMMUNIST CONTROL OF TOWN (REUTER SAIGON).

INFORMED SOURCES SAY GKR MIL COURT SENTENCED NINE SOLDIERS TO DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD FOR ROBBING GOLD SHOP AND KILLING PASSERBY IN PP (AP WP, CHITRIB).

2. JAPAN

DOD DECLINES TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON DEPLOYMENT OF US WARSHIPS BEARING NUCLEAR WEAPONS; BUT PENTAGON OFFICIAL SAYS IT IS NO SECRET THAT SUCH VESSELS CALL IN FOREIGN PORTS, INCLUDING JAPAN, WITH NUKES ABOARD -- AND THAT THIS IS ALSO KNOWN TO GOJ (NYT).

CSM (TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ OFFICIALS FEAR THAT UPROAR OVER ADM. LAROCQUE'S TESTIMONY, ALLEGING US VESSELS "ROUTINELY ENTER JAPANESE PORTS" CARRYING NUKES WITHOUT FIRST TELLING GOJ, COULD SOUR FORTHCOMING JAPAN VISIT OF PRES. FORD AND LEAD TO ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS (ALSO, NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, WP'S OBERDORFER). UPI (TOKYO) SAYS TANAKA HAS ASKED US EXPLAIN LAROCQUE REMARKS (GLOBE, NYT).

CHITRIB'S YATES, IN TOKYO, REPORTS LAROCQUE TESTIMONY "HAS HIT JAPAN LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE" SETTING OFF WAVE OF ANTI-US PROTEST. QUOTES ONE HIGH JAPANESE OFFICIAL THAT THIS IS "TYPICAL" OF "CAVALIER TREATMENT" OF JAPAN BY US; NOTES NIKAIDO SAYING "WE ARE NOT TAKING ADM. LAROCQUE'S TESTIMONY LIGHTLY," AND THAT GOJ "NEEDS TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT." JAPANESE LEFTISTS USED LAROCQUE TESTIMONY AS EXCUSE TO MASS 6,000 PERSONS AT YOKOSUKA IN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NUKE CARRIER MIDWAY, AND JAPANESE COUNCIL AGAINST ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN BOMBS HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL "LAY UNCLASSIFIED

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SIEGE" TO BOTH AMEMBASSY AND DIET BUILDING.

YATES SAYS WHAT MAKES LAROCQUE'S TESTIMONY "ESPECIALLY EMBARRASSING" TO TANAKA GOVT. IS THAT US HAS RECOGNIZED GOJ'S "THREE NONNUCLEAR PRINCIPLES" -- THAT JAPAN WILL NOT MAKE OR POSSESS NUKES OR PERMIT THEIR ENTRY INTO JAPAN -- AND GOJ HAS ALWAYS TAKEN US WORD THAT IT WOULD NOT VIOLATE THOSE PRINCIPLES; HONOR SYSTEM "COULD

VERY WELL BE DISCONTINUED NOW." AMEMBASSY SOURCES HAVE REMAINED CAUTIOUS, ONE SAYING THAT FROM WHAT HE'S SEEN LAROCQUE SAY BEFORE, "I'M NOT SURE HIS STATEMENTS ARE AS EXPLICIT AS THE JAPANESE PRESS HAS MADE THEM OUT TO BE."

SUN'S SEIDEN, IN TOKYO, OBSERVES THAT BOTH US AND GOJ TRIED MONDAY TO DISCREDIT REPORTED TESTIMONY, BUT NEITHER DIRECTLY DENIED ALLEGATION. CITES US SPOKESMAN SAYING GOJ HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT "IF WE EVER ENGAGED IN A MAJOR CHANGE OF WEAPONRY" IT WOULD BE DONE WITH PRIOR CONSULTATION, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH CONSULTATION -- BUT STATEMENT DID NOT DEFINE WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE "MAJOR CHANGE OF WEAPONRY."

LAROCQUE'S TESTIMONY, IF TRUE, MEANS US ACTIONS WOULD RUN COUNTER TO GOJ OFFICIALS' PLEDGES THAT THERE ARE NO US NUKES IN JAPAN AND COULD BE CONSTRUED TO VIOLATE MST, SAYS BUTTERFIELD, IN TOKYO. REPORTS DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAYING JAPANESE OFFICIALS ATTENDING REGULAR MONTHLY SECURITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP SESSION MONDAY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NUKES HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO JAPAN, BUT US OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NOT OFFICIALLY HEARD OF LAROCQUE'S DISCLOSURE. OBERDORFER, IN TOKYO, ADDS THAT IF LAROCQUE'S TESTIMONY IS TRUE, US "HAS REPEATEDLY VIOLATED PUBLICIZED UNDERSTANDINGS WITH JAPAN" REGARDING MST, AND SUGGESTION THIS MIGHT BE CASE HAS PUT BOTH GOVTS IN AWKWARD POSITION. SAYS OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AGREE THAT DUE TO JAPAN'S "NUCLEAR ALLERGY," THIS NEW CONTROVERSY COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON RELATIONS. GOJ "HAS CONSISTENTLY PLACED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE" IN US GOOD FAITH WHEN PRESSED ABOUT POSSIBILITY NUKES HAVE ENTERED COUNTRY, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND US MIL SPOKESMEN HAVE INDICATED AT VARIOUS TIMES THAT US NAVY SHIPS TRANSFER THEIR NUKES TO AUXILIARY CRAFT BEFORE ENTERING JAPANESE PORTS. NOTES NIKAI DO THINKING "IT IS MOST UNLIKELY" US HAS BROKEN ITS PROMISES, THOUGH LAROCQUE TESTIMONY IS HAVING "GRAVE IMPACT" ON JAPANESE PUBLIC.

OBERDORFER REPORTS YOKOSUKA PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR AND MAYOR SAYING THEY WILL OPPOSE PORT CALLS BY US WARSHIPS IF REPORT PROVESTRUE;AND YAMATO CITY MAYOR SAYS HE WILL SEEK CLEAR ASSURANCES NUKES ARE NOT CARRIED ABOARD AIRCRAFT THERE AND WILL SEEK SUSPENSION OF MIL FLIGHTS UNLESS ASSURANCE IS GIVEN. IN RESPONSE TO FLOOD OF INQUIRIES, US OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN STANDARD POSITION OF REFUSING TO CONFIRM OR DENY ANY REPORT ON NUKES'

LOCATION, BUT GOJ "MADE NO SECRET OF ITS DESIRE FOR SOME OFFICIAL "AMERICAN DECLARATION" ABOUT LAROCQUE REPORT (ALSO IN PHINQ).

MOST MUTSU CREWMEN ABANDONED SHIP MONDAY, LEAVING VESSEL, CAPTAIN AND 19 OTHER CREW MEMBERS DRIFTING IN PACIFIC. UNION SAYS REMAINING CREW ALSO WILL BE REMOVED, THOUGH THEY MAY BE REPLACED WITH FRESH CREW SO SHIP WILL NOT BE TOTALLY DESERTED.(CHITRIB, GLOBE BUTTERFIELDS WP"S SCHUMACHER IN G L

JAPAN AND W. GERMANY SIGNED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT TUESDAY WHICH INCLUDES COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS. GAIMUSHO SAYS NATIONS WILL ALSO COOPERATE IN REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT OF

ENERGY RESOURCES AND IN MARINE, BIOLOGICAL, MEDICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (REUTER TOKYO).

GOJ FREES FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR THREE MEN JAILED FOR HELPING NOVELIST YUKIO MISHIMA COMMIT HARA-KIRI IN 1970 (AP WP, BALTO N-A 10/7; NYDN).

AT COPENHAGEN, JAPAN AND US ARE AMONG 12 NATIONS AGREEING TO POOL OIL TO BLUNT EFFECT OF ANY FUTURE OIL BOYCOTT (AP, PHINQ; NYDN).
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3. CHINA

NYT'S TELTSCH DESCRIBES "SPECTACULAR" TAPESTRY AND IVORY CARVING DONATED TO UN BY CHINA TO REPLACE GREEN MARBLE TABLET CARVED WITH INSCRIPTION FROM CONFUCIUS THAT WAS GIVEN BY CHINATS AND REMOVED AT PRC'S INSISTENCE. TAPESTRY AND CARVING PRESENTED BY DEP FM CHIAO KUAN-HUA AS GIFTS REFLECTING "NEW OUTLOOK AND NEW STYLE OF THE NEW CHINA." CHIAO TOLD DIPLOMATS THAT BOTH ARE EXAMPLES OF TRADITIONAL ART AND REFLECT MAO'S POLICY OF "LETTING A HUNDRED FLOWERS BLOSSOM, WEEDING THROUGH THE OLD TO BRING FORTH THE NEW." TELTSCH ADDS THAT PEKING HAS BEEN USING THESE WORDS TO SHOW THAT THE GOOD ELEMENTS FROM THE PAST CAN BE SELECTIVELY CHOSEN TO SERVE PRESENT-DAY CHINA. TELTSCH NOTES THAT FATE OF GREEN MARBLE TABLET HAS BEEN TOPIC OF SPECULATION SINCE IT DISAPPEARED. SOME DELEGATES THOUGHT TABLET WOULD GO BECAUSE OF ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN, BUT HUANG HUA SAID TO HAVE GIVEN AS REASON THAT IT WAS LAST VESTIGE OF CHINAT PRESENCE AT UN. UN OFFICIALS SAY THEY EXPECT TO RETURN

IT TO NATIONALISTS SOON. CHINAT CONSULATE OFFICIAL
SAYS IT WILL REMAIN IN NYC ON DISPLAY.

IN PURPORTED PRIVATE LETTER OF MAO PUBLISHED IN
DER SPIEGEL, CHAIRMAN FORECASTS THAT CCP RIGHT WING
WILL SEIZE POWER AFTER HIS DEATH. LETTER SAID TO HAVE
BEEN WRITTEN TO CHIANG CHING IN 1966, REBUKED HER
AND ADVISES HER NOT TO LET VICTORY GO TO HER HEAD BUT
TO CONSIDER HER OWN SHORTCOMINGS. IT IS INCLUDED IN
COLLECTION OF PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED WRITINGS,
SPEECHES AND SAYINGS OF MAO JUST PRINTED IN BOOK
FORM THAT "EXPERIENCED CHINA EXPERTS" ARE CONVINCED
ARE AUTHENTIC ACCORDING TO MAGAZINE (CSM; REUTER, WP).
LETTER FORECASTS OTHER CULTURAL REVOLUTIONS EVERY
SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS, PREDICTS RIGHTISTS WHO WILL

TAKE OVER AFTER HIS DEATH WILL NOT STAY IN POWER
LONG (REUTER, WP).

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EXPORTS OF CHINESE OIL TO JAPAN APPEAR TO BE FALLING
BEHIND SCHEDULE, WITH ONLY 800,000 TONS DELIVERED
IN FIRST HALF OF 1974 COMPARED TO FOUR MILLION TONS
BELIEVED CONTRACTED FOR. JAPAN ANXIOUS TO GET MORE
AND TRADE ASSN HAS DECIDED TO FORM COMMITTEE TO
HANDLE BASIC MATTERS RELATED TO LONG-TERM SUPPLY.
CHINESE DELEGATION EXPECTED IN JAPAN SOON TO NEGOTIATE
PRICE FOR 1.5 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE TO BE IMPORTED
FROM OCT TO DEC OF THIS YEAR. CHINA'S OIL EXPORTS
EXPECTED TO INCREASE AFTER COMPLETION OF TACHING-
TALIEN PIPELINE. JAPAN'S TOTAL OIL IMPORTS
ESTIMATED THIS YEAR AT ABOUT 28 MILLION TONS (JOC).

GLOBE'S STORIN (10/6) SEES JAPAN-CHINA AIR SERVICE
AS SYMBOL OF TIGHTER ECON BOND BETWEEN THEM.
FOR JAPANESE, GROWING FRIENDSHIP COULD MEAN MANY
THINGS BUT NONE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN POTENTIAL
MAJOR SOURCE OF OIL WITHIN THIS DECADE. SEES THIS
AS PARTLY EXPLAINING JAPANESE ENTHUSIASM FOR
TOKYO-PEKING LINK EVEN THOUGH IT HURT RELATIONS WITH
TAIWAN, SINCE "TAIWAN ... CANNOT SUPPLY OIL..."
JAL TWICE-WEEKLY SERVICE TO PEKING PROMISES TO BE
LOSING VENTURE FOR SOME TIME, BUT FOR JAPANESE,
DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT
LAST YEAR EXPORTS TO CHINA NEARLY DOUBLED TO OVER ONE
BILLION DOLLARS AND IMPORTS TOTALED 974 MILLION.
STORIN QUOTES JAPANESE OFFICIAL THAT BUSINESSMEN
LOSING INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN OIL
FIELDS, APPARENTLY FEELING THAT MORE ECONOMICAL

ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE WITH CHINESE.

AP'S GILMORE SAYS PRES. FORD PLANS TO CONTINUE STEADY, GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH PRC, SHUNNING ANY DRAMATIC MOVES IN FAVOR OF HAK'S QUIET DIPLOMACY. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY THAT KISSINGER HOPES TO VISIT CHINA LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY 1975, POSSIBLY AFTER FORD'S PLANNED VISIT TO JAPAN AND SK IN NOV. BY THEN, BUSH IS EXPECTED TO BE "CONFIRMED AND ON THE SCENE" IN PEKING. HAK'S CHINA TRIP MIGHT BE INTENDED PARTLY TO ALLAY REPORTED DISAPPOINTMENT EXPRESSED BY CHINESE IN WASHINGTON AND AT UN THAT SINO-US UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS HAVE NOT DEVELOPED MORE RAPIDLY AND THAT US STILL RECOGNIZES ROC (ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, SEPT. 29).

4. KOREA

NDP LEADER KIM YOUNG SAM THREATENS TO LEAD PARTY INTO STRUGGLE ON STREETS UNLESS PARK REVISES CONSTITUTION. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN SEOUL, SAYS THIS "MOST VIGOROUS AND WIDE-RANGING OPEN CRITICISM" OF PARK SINCE MARTIAL LAW WAS DECLARED TWO YEARS AGO COULD UNTIL RECENTLY HAVE BEEN PUNISHED BY DEATH -- AND EVEN NOW, ROKG HAS ENOUGH POWER TO SILENCE KIM; BUT PARK APPEARS TO HAVE RELENDED SOMEWHAT LATELY AND HIS OPPONENTS HAVE BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE IN ANTI-GOVT STAND. KIM, MAKING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY POLICY ADDRESS, ALSO IMPLIED PARK SHOULD CONSIDER RESIGNING, DENOUNCED RESTRICTIONS ON SK POLITICAL ACTIVITY, AND WARNED THAT PARK'S REPRESSION AND LONG-TERM RULE ARE CAUSING AGGRAVATION IN US PUBLIC OPINION AND SHAKING CONTINUED US MIL PRESENCE AND AID.

MUN SE KWANG WENT ON TRIAL IN SEOUL MONDAY ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING ASSASSINATE PARK; CONFESSED HE DID SO UNDER ORDERS FROM TWO NK AGENTS OPERATING IN CHOSEN SOREN IN JAPAN (UPI, CHITRIB; WP, CSM, PHINQ; GLOBE'S STORIN).

WP'S BECKER REPORTS 450 STAFF MISSIONARIES OF REV. SUN MYUNG MOON ARE CANVASSING WASHINGTON STREETS TO ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE AT LEADER'S OCT. 16 SPEECH AT CONSTITUTION HALL.

5. THAILAND

THAI KING SIGNS NEW CONSTITUTION, BUT EXPRESSES

RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROVISIONS WHICH HE SAYS ALTER
TRADITIONAL ROLE OF KING (WP, CSM, CHITRIB). NYT'S
MARKHAM, IN BANGKOK, NOTES KING'S 600-WORD MEMO
VOICED "STRONG OBJECTION" TO STIPULATION THAT
PRIVY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COUNTERSIGN KING'S ORDER
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CHOOSING SENATORS. SAYS THOUGH THIS TOTALLY
UNEXPECTED CAVEAT HINGED ON TECHNICALITY, IT RAISED
POSSIBILITY CONSTITUTION MIGHT HAVE TO BE DRASTICALLY
REVISED, CONCEIVABLY ELIMINATING SENATE. MOREOVER,
KING'S MENTIONING "MANY OTHER PROBLEMS" WITH
CONSTITUTION MERITING CONSIDERATION SEEMED TO SOME
THAIS POSSIBLE ENDORSEMENT OF STUDENTS' RECENT DEMANDS
THAT VOTING AGE BE LOWERED TO 18 AND THAT MINIMUM AGE
FOR POLITICAL CANDIDATES BE LOWERED TO 23 YEARS.
STUDENTS ALSO DEMAND SENATE'S ABOLITION AND REIN ON
FOREIGN TROOPS ON THAI SOIL. ASSEMBLY'S RESOUNDING

ENDORSEMENT OF CONSTITUTION WAS DIRECT SLAP AT
STUDENTS' 11TH-HOUR DEMANDS FOR REVISIONS; NOW
KING'S INTERVENTION ON DAY CONSTITUTION BECOMES
LAW OF LAND SEEMS TO HAVE REOPENED SOME OF THESE
ISSUES. MARKHAM SEES KING'S INCLUSION OF MEMO WITH
HIS DECREE AS "SIGN OF HOW REMOVED HE HAS BECOME
FROM DAY-TO-DAY POLITICS" SINCE PLAYED ACTIVE ROLE
YEAR AGO IN REMOVING MIL GOVT.

6. AUSTRALIA

NYT'S STEWART, IN SYDNEY, REPORTS ALP TOP OFFICIAL SAID
LAST WEEK THAT SOME CABINET MEMBERS ARE DOUBTFUL
ABOUT WINNING NEXT ELECTION, AND SOURCE EXPRESSED
HIS OWN BELIEF THAT PARTY WOULD LOSE AT POLLS NOW
BECAUSE OF SOARING INFLATION, RISING UNEMPLOYMENT,
BUSINESS STAGNATION AND WIDESPREAD CONCERN THAT
DISMAL ECON SITUATION WILL WORSEN.

7. GENERAL

REUTER REPORTS RIOT POLICE AND WARRING TRIBES
CONFRONTING EACH OTHER UNEASILY ACROSS WIDE VALLEY
IN PNG HIGHLANDS AFTER FRESH OUTBREAK OF TRIBAL
FIGHTING (WP).

REUTER'S THOMAS, IN MACAO, SAYS STATUS OF ENCLAVE
AND ITS FUTURE RELATIONS WITH PRC ARE EXPECTED TO
BE CLARIFIED THIS MONTH DURING VISIT BY PORTUGUESE
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OVERSEAS TERRITORIES MINISTER SANTOS. OBSERVERS SEE PEKING'S ROLE AS CRUCIAL WHEN PONDERING QUESTION, "WHITHER MACAO?" SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN TOTAL SILENCE FROM PRC REGARDING MACAO, ALTHOUGH ON RARE OCCASIONS WHEN PEKING HAS MADE POLICY STATEMENTS ON MACAO AND HK, IT HAS STATED THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH AT APPROPRIATE, UNSPECIFIED TIME. SIGNIFICANTLY, PRC HAS NOT ALLUDED TO MACAO IN COMMENTS ON PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN DECOLONIZATION MOVES. SANTOS SAID ONLY RECENTLY THAT GOP PLANS TALKS WITH PRC BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION ABOUT MACAO.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

LAT'S ELEGANT (OCT 6) IN HK HIGHLIGHTS MOTIVATIONS UNDERLYING CHINA DEVELOPMENTS FOR 25 YEARS. CHARACTERIZES "NEW CHINA" AS BLEND - SOMETIMES HARMONIOUS, SOMETIMES

DISCORDANT - OF THE OLD AND THE NEW COEXISTING SOMEWHAT UNEASILY. CHINA IS ADAPTING TO THE MODERN WORLD, WITH MAO STRESSING THAT CHANGE MUST BE CONSTANTLY STIMULATED. AFTER 1949-1954 LAND REFORM MOVEMENT, GREAT LEAP FORWARD AND GPCR SHOOK ENTIRE SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY. THE FIRST SOUGHT TO REMAKE SOCIETY - AND ABOVE ALL, PSYCHOLOGY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE - BY RADICALLY ALTERING PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. THE SECOND SOUGHT TO REMAKE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT BY TRANSFORMING THE PSYCHOLOGY. OUTSIDERS JUDGED BOTH MOVEMENTS FAILURES BECAUSE THEY ENDED NOT ON NOTES OF TRIUMPH BUT WITH EXHORTATIONS FOR GREATER EFFORTS IN SAME DIRECTION.

ASIDE FROM STIMULATING INTERNAL CHANGE, CHIEF PROBLEM HAS BEEN CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. CHINESE CONSTANTLY STRESS "ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE," BUT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE DEFICIENCIES IN TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING, WHICH THEY MUST IMPORT; THEY APPEAR FIRMLY COMMITTED TO FOREIGN POLICY BASED ON SUCH NEED AS WITNESSED BY THEIR GROWING TRADE WITH CAPITALIST NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE US. WITH FEAR OF RUSSIAN EXPANSIONISM,

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FINDS CHINA MORE CONCERNED WITH ENCOURAGING STABLE JAPAN AND STRONG WE WHICH ARE LINKED BY MIL TREATIES WITH US THAN IT IS TO OVERTHROW RIGHT-WING GOVTS. IN SEA, FOR

EXAMPLE.

DOMESTICALLY, DAILY LIFE IN CHINA MUCH LESS FRANTIC AND PRECARIOUS THAN BEFORE COMMUNISTS CAME TO POWER. MOST CHINESE FEEL REASONABLY SECURE. THEIR CHIEF FEAR IS POLITICAL UPHEAVALS, RATHER THAN STARVATION OR VIOLENCE. CONCLUDES THAT CHINA IS CHANGING IN DIRECTION OF "RELAXATION" - BUT PRAGUE OR BUDAPEST, EVEN MOSCOW, ARE CENTERS OF FREE DEBATE BY COMPARISON WITH PEKING. MOREOVER, CHANGE IS GLACIALLY SLOW.

IN CONTEXT OF PRC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY, CHITRIB NOTES CHINA WATCHERS PONDERING SUBTLETIES OF PECKING ORDER AND DEGREE OF TENSION AMONG COMMUNIST LEADERS FOR INDICATIONS OF WHO WILL SUCCEED MAO AND CHOU, BOTH TOO INFIRM TO APPEAR ON TIEU AN MEN ROSTRUM. SAYS TOTALITARIAN REGIMES LACK ORDERLY PROCESSES FOR DEVELOPMENT (SIC) OF POWER FROM ONE GENERATION OR ADMINISTRATION TO ANOTHER - ONE REASON FOR FORMING NO CONFIDENT EXPECTATIONS ABOUT WHAT A REGIME WILL DO NEXT. STABILITY OF TYRANNIES IS MORE APPARENT THAN REAL; EVEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TYRANTS, SUCH AS MAO, WILL SUCCUMB TO TIME IF NOT TO SOME RIVAL FOR POWER.

CSM REPORT FROM GILGIT DESCRIBES ROAD CHINESE ARE

BUILDING BETWEEN GILGIT AND KASHGAR AND TRADE THEREON.

9. JAPAN

RE JEROME COHEN REITERATING HIS CHARGE THAT TANAKA AND SOME POLITICAL ASSOCIATES ARE "INTIMATELY INVOLVED" IN MAKING FORTUNES IN SK, AND THAT JAPANESE POLITICIANS RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR CAMPAIGNS FROM KOREA, GLOBE SAYS COHEN'S TENACITY MAY PROVE EMBARRASSING TO DOS, WHICH WANTS CONTINUING AMICABLE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. IT IS DIFFICULT TO FAULT COHEN FOR STICKING TO WHAT HE REGARDS AS THE TRUTH; INDEED, HE EVIDENCES UNCLASSIFIED

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COURAGE AND INTEGRITY IN AN AGE CHARACTERIZED BY TEMPORIZING AND CYNICISM. THINKS TANAKA GOVT HAS COME TO SAME JUDGMENT ABOUT COHEN; IT WANTS NO FURTHER QUARREL WITH HIM. CITES TOGO THAT, "HE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE RIGHT PERSON TO PICK A FIGHT WITH."

LAT'S JAMESON IN TOKYO (OCT 7) WRITES FEATURE ON INFLATION. SAYS OCT. PROMISES TO BE A TURNING POINT IN JAPAN'S BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION, BUT NO ONE IS CERTAIN WHETHER TURN WILL BE FOR BETTER OR WORSE. LABOR UNIONS HAVE INAUGURATED

"FALL STRUGGLE' TO SUPPLEMENT "SPRING STRUGGLE," THREATENING
TO LAUNCH JAPAN INTO ERA OF WAGE-COST-PUSH INFLATION.
LONG-TERM FORECASTS FOR ECON GROWTH REMAIN OPTIMISTIC,
BUT EACH ONE IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT INFLATION CAN BE
SLOWED BY CRUCIAL WAGE NEGOTIATIONS NEXT MARCH.
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